

REMARKS

Claims 1-44 are pending in the application.

In the aforementioned Office Action, claims 1-4, 8-13, 18, 20, 21, 32-36, 38 and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Moore* (U.S. Patent No. 6,850,744). Claims 7, 19 and 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Moore* in view of *Otting et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,771,960). Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Moore* in view of *DAM et al.* (U.S. Publication No. 2001/0016504). Furthermore, claims 22-28 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Moore* in view of *Otting* and further in view of *DAM et al.* Claims 5, 6, 15-17, 29 30 and 39-44 are objected to and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

By this amendment, to expedite prosecution but without acquiescing to the Examiner's positions, claims 1-44 have been canceled. Claims 45-74 have been added.

New independent claims 45, 50 and 60 correspond to canceled claims 5, 15 and 40, respectively. New independent claim 70 is an article-of-manufacture recitation of the corresponding method claim 50. Applicants respectfully submit that new independent claims 45, 50 and 60 include all the essential limitations of the corresponding canceled claims 5, 15 and 40 but written in more abbreviated and readable form. Canceled claims 5, 15 and 40 are indicated to be allowable in the aforementioned Office Action. The remaining claims are dependent claims dependent on the independent claims 5, 15, 40 and 70, and are therefore also submitted to be allowable. Entry and allowance of new claims 45-74 are respectfully requested.

The cited by not relied upon references have been studied by found to be less relevant than the relied upon references.

In light of the above amendment and remarks, Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and an early allowance are respectfully requested.

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